

reconsideration of the Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

If any remaining issues can be overcome through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below, so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114944-00209). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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